

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 26 and bridging to page 10, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Fig. 1 is a front view of a ring compression device according to an embodiment of the present invention; Fig. 2 is a side cross-sectional view of the ring compression device; Fig. 3 is a side view of the ring compression device; Fig. 4 is a front view of a substrate of the ring compression device; Fig. 5A to Fig. [[5B]] 5D are front views of pressing members used in the ring compression device; Fig. 6 is a side view of a movable claw section; and Fig. 7 is a front view of a rotational body of the ring compression device.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Escape holes 17 are formed in the substrate 1 in the guide grooves 13. The escape holes 17 are provided at different ~~positions~~ distances from the central axis O in the adjoining guide grooves 13. In this embodiment, the escape hole 17 in the guide groove 13 in the top is located away from the central axis O. The escape hole 17 in the guide groove 13 adjoining that in the top is located close to the central axis O. As described above, the escape holes 17 are provided in adjoining guide grooves 13 at positions far from the adjacent guide groove 13 and at positions close to the central axis O alternately.